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Pilotage, Search, Military and Industrial Comments.

- On entering Dairen harbor my ship was assisted by a pilot and tug. The piloting was efficient and the tug appeared to be in good condition. On leaving port, since there was a heavy fog, two tugs were used in taking the ship out. Radar was sealed until the ship was out of the harbor. Upon arrival and departure the usual search and boarding procedure was followed. The ship was docked inboard on the east side of Pier Three. [redacted] gun emplacements on a steeply sloping hill commanding the harbor entrance, which appeared to be single mounts and on a part of the hill which had a steep slope. The installations were approximately four and a half inches and were definitely not heavy coastal guns. [redacted] newly turned-up earth which [redacted] possibly indicated the construction of tunnels. At the end of Pier Two there was a steel tower about 100 feet high with a cabin on top. Barracks for Soviet Navy sailors were located at 39° 55' 33" N, 121° 39' 00" E. Two Soviet sentries were stationed on the dock and one at the dock gate. They were equipped with Tommy guns whereas Chinese sentries and soldiers used old single-shot rifles. It seemed [redacted] that the Chinese soldiers were markedly arrogant while the Soviets were slovenly. Much industrial activity appeared to be taking place in the vicinity of Kinseishi, and a noticeable odor of decay seemed to come from this general area, which [redacted] emanated from industrial plants.

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Loading Operations, Repair Work, Rail and Auto Equipment.

[redacted] The longshoremen were good workers and extremely efficient, and at the end the pier was completely clean of grain with no waste whatsoever.

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Ships and Shipbuilding.

3. [redacted] 28 Soviet merchant ships, two 10-thousand-ton Soviet troop ships seen leaving port on 17 May 53 fully loaded. several Chinese tankers painted green, one Polish [redacted] at Pier Three.

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[redacted] Four liberty ships were being painted and a good job was apparently being done on them. Shipbuilding was in progress at a shipyard located in the basin just west of Pier Four and south of Hamacho Pier.

Air Operations.

4. At about 6:00 P.M. each evening six to eight aircraft [redacted] MIG-15's were to be seen apparently coming in for a landing, their line of flight being along the northern side of the breakwater at an altitude of about 1500 feet. [redacted] an airfield was located northwest of Kinkaton beyond the range of hills which line the shore. The planes as they flew over flashed various light signals which varied each day. [redacted] fighter bomber type jets flying over the city. In fact jet planes were over the city continuously, day and night.

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Propaganda Efforts, General Information.

5. [redacted]

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